

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 2660–2670; and; 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 63; H. Con. Res. 240–241, and H. Res. 308, 313 were introduced. **Pages H6347–48**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6348–49**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2122, to enhance research, development, procurement, and use of biomedical countermeasures to respond to public health threats affecting national security, amended (H. Rept. 108–147, Pt. 3);

H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–188);

H. Res. 309, providing for consideration of H.R. 438, to increase the amount of student loans that may be forgiven for teachers in mathematics, science, and special education (H. Rept. 108–189);

H. Res. 310, providing for consideration of H.R. 2211, to reauthorize title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (H. Rept. 108–190);

H. Res. 311, providing for consideration of H.R. 2657, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 108–191); and

H. Res. 312, providing for consideration of H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes. (H. Rept. 108–192). **Page H6347**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Gilchrest to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H6273**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6276**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004: The House passed H.R. 2658, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 by yeas-and-nays vote of 399 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 335. **Pages H6276–6302, H6318–20**

Agreed To:

Lewis of California amendment that decreases Navy Operation and Maintenance funding by \$96 million to reduce excess funded carryover and appropriates \$5 million to the Army National Guard for

the nationwide dedicated fiber optic network program, \$14 million to the Marine Corps for the AN/PRC–148 tactical handheld radio and combat casualty care equipment, \$5 million to Air Force Research, Development, Test and Evaluation for low emission/efficient hybrid aviation refueling truck propulsion, and \$5 million to Defense Wide Research, Development, Test and Evaluation for the development of novel pharmaceuticals for anthrax. **Page H6298**

Rejected:

Hostettler amendment that sought to prohibit funding related to the 2005 round of base closures and realignments under the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act (rejected by recorded vote of 57 yeas to 358 nays, Roll No. 334). **Pages H6302–03, H6318–19**

Withdrawn:

Blumenauer amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for the unexploded ordinance cleanup program; **Pages H6298–99**

De Fazio amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for the National Guard Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams; **Pages H6299–6300**

Acevedo-Vila amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to strike section 8125 relating to the closure of Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico; and **Pages H6300–01**

Bordallo amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of any funding to overhaul, repair, or maintain naval vessels in shipyards outside the United States or Guam; and **Pages H6301–02**

Inslee amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of any funding to alter the existing civilian personnel system. **Page H6302**

The bill was considered pursuant to the unanimous consent order of the House of June 26. **Page H6318**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Prescription Drug Benefits for Retirees Under the FEHB: H.R. 2631, to provide that the actuarial value of the prescription drug benefits offered to Medicare eligible enrollees by a plan under the Federal employees health benefits program shall be at least equal to the actuarial value of the prescription drug benefits offered by such plan to its enrollees generally; **Pages H6303–09**

Garner E. Shriver Post Office, Wichita, Kansas: H.R. 1761, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9350 East Corporate Hill Drive in Wichita, Kansas, as the “Garner E. Shriver Post Office Building” (agreed to by yeay-and-nay vote of 415 ayes with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 336); and **Pages H6309–10, H6320**

Francisco A. Martinez Flores Post Office, Duarte, California: H.R. 2396, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1210 Highland Avenue in Duarte, California, as the “Francisco A. Martinez Flores Post Office”.

Pages H6310–12

Recess: The House recessed at 2:14 p.m. and reconvened at 4:10 p.m. **Page H6312**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:11 p.m. and reconvened at 6:34 p.m. **Page H6312**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H6273.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6349–50.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeay-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6318–19, H6319–20, and H6320. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:09 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full Committee action the Energy and Water Development appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

LOW-INCOME FAMILIES—PROVIDING ASSISTANCE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing on “LIHEAP & CSGB: Providing Assistance to Low-Income Families.” Testimony was heard from Leslie Lee, LIHEAP Director, Department of Health and Social Services, State of Delaware; and public witnesses.

CLEAN SKIES INITIATIVE—MULTIPOLLUTANT APPROACH

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled “The Clear Skies Initiative: A Multipollutant Approach to the Clean Air Act.” Testimony was heard from Jef-

frey Holmstead, Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA.

RURAL HOUSING IN AMERICA

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity continued hearings entitled “Rural Housing in America.” Testimony was heard from Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA.

FEDERAL ELECTRONIC RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a hearing entitled “Federal Electronic Records Management: What is the Plan? What is our Progress?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Archives and Records Administration: John W. Carlin, Archivist; and L. Reynolds Cahoon, Chief Information Officer; Harriet Riofrio, eRecords Management Policy and Program Lead, Department of Defense; Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 1997, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2003 or Laci and Conner’s Law. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REDUCTION IN DISTRIBUTION OF SPAM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 2214, Reduction in Distribution of Spam Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Will Moschella, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice; Jerry Kilgore, Attorney General, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H.R. 2657, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, providing one hour of debate in the House on the bill equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against the bill and against its consideration. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kingston, Manzullo, Moran of Virginia, and Holt.